



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **High School and Milpas Area Patrol Results in Citations & Arrests Gang Member with a Gun among Those Arrested**

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – September 6, 2012**

On September 5, 2012, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the Santa Barbara Police Department's School Resources Officer and officers from the Gang Suppression Team, the Tactical Patrol Force, and the Beat Coordinator Unit conducted a saturation patrol in the area around Santa Barbara High School and the Milpas Street Corridor. The focus of the saturation patrol was juvenile and gang related activity during the open campus lunch hour and the school hours following. Approximately half of the officers were working in plain clothes on bicycles and the others were uniformed in marked police vehicles.

The operation resulted in five gang contacts, two citations for possession of marijuana, two citations for truancy, a citation for possession of tobacco by a minor, and two citations for Municipal Code violations. Two notable arrests were also made.

At 1:30 p.m. David Allen Bogard, age 42, of Santa Barbara, was stopped on 600 E. De La Guerra Street by Officer Michael Hollis and Officer Bryan Kerr for riding his bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of 10.52.130 SBMC. The officers knew Bogard from past contacts and on this occasion found him to be in possession of a hypodermic syringe, used for injecting heroin, and several implements commonly used in the commission of burglaries. Bogard was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools, both misdemeanors, and taken to the Santa Barbara Police Department. Upon completion of the investigation he was released with a misdemeanor citation for the aforementioned charges.

At 1:49 p.m. Officer Michael Epstein and Officer Thomas Van Eyck stopped two adolescent looking males walking together on 1000 E. Montecito Street, whom they suspected of being truant from Santa Barbara High School. One of the subjects is a 17-year old student from SBHS. The other, 18-year old Miguel Angel Ramirez, of Santa Barbara, is not a student. Ramirez is, however, a gang member and when he was patted down for officer safety was found to be carrying a loaded single-shot .22 caliber pistol in his inside left jacket pocket and five additional rounds of ammunition in his right rear pants pocket. Ramirez refused to state why he was carrying a loaded handgun. Ramirez was arrested for being a gang member in possession of a loaded firearm, a felony, and booked into Santa Barbara County Jail with a bail amount of \$35,000.00.



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